Setting up of terrorist training camps at Pak-occupied Kashmir

† 2706. CHAUDHARY CHUNNI LAL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether terrorist training camps have been set up in Muzaffarabad, capital of Pak-occupied Kashmir;

(b) if so, what are Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) what steps are being taken to declare Pakistan a terrorist country at international level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir. Government is aware that a number of militant training *camps* are being run in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (POK). According to available information, 29 such camps in POK are presently active. This is, yet again, further evidence of Pakistan's state sponsorship *oi* cross border terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir and elsewhere in India.

(b) and (c) Government remains steadfast in its resolve to defeat Pakistan's state sponsorship of cross-border terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir and elsewhere in India. Government have, appropriately and effectively, brought to the notice of the international community. Pakistan's support to cross border terrorism and continued attempts to interfere in the *internal* affairs of India. The facts regarding Pakistan's state sponsorship of terrorism have been brought before several international fora and have also been raised at high level bilateral discussions with world leaders. The international community now openly recognizes Pakistan's state sponsorship of cross border terrorism, and the impact this has on the security of our country and the region.

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